

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 700

By Cohen

A RESOLUTION to recognize and commend the Honorable Samuel Lewis upon his meritorious service to Tennessee.

WHEREAS, it is most fitting for the members of this General Assembly to pay tribute to those learned public servant and jurists who have served wisely and well in all arenas of public life; and

WHEREAS, the Honorable Samuel Lewis, a former legislator and a former judge on the Tennessee Court of Appeals, is one such outstanding individual who is most assuredly deserving of special recognition; and

WHEREAS, Judge Lewis received his bachelor's degree from Middle Tennessee State University and his law degree from Cumberland University School of Law in 1956; and

WHEREAS, he first demonstrated his profound interest in serving state government and his fellow Tennesseans as a delegate to the Tennessee Constitutional Convention of 1965; and

WHEREAS, he continued his legacy of distinguished public service as an esteemed member of the House of Representatives during the 85th General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, from 1968-1972, Samuel Lewis served astutely as an Assistant District Attorney General for the 11th Judicial Circuit; and

WHEREAS, prior to his exceptional tenure on the Tennessee Court of Appeals, Samuel Lewis served with expertise and dedication as a Circuit Court Judge for the 11th Judicial District; and

600000000

60000000

015802

01580237

WHEREAS, on May 11, 1978, Samuel Lewis was appointed to the Tennessee Court of Appeals by Governor Ray Blanton; he was elected to this important position in August of 1978 and was subsequently re-elected in 1982 and 1990; and

WHEREAS, Judge Lewis demonstrated his selfless devotion to jurisprudence by serving with alacrity and acuity on the Tennessee Court of the Judiciary from 1979-1983; and

WHEREAS, Judge Samuel Lewis is an invaluable member of numerous professional organizations, including the American Bar Association, the Tennessee Bar Association and the American Judicature Society; and

WHEREAS, throughout his remarkable tenure, the Honorable Samuel Lewis has distinguished himself as a devoted and accomplished servant of justice; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his noteworthy career as a brilliant jurist, Judge Lewis is also a Scottish Rite Mason and a Shriner; and

WHEREAS, Judge Lewis has been an active and devout member of the First Presbyterian Church of Pulaski, where he serves as an Elder; and

WHEREAS, men of his stature do not often walk among us, and it is most appropriate that we should recognize Samuel Lewis' sterling tenure on the Tennessee Court of Appeals and his outstanding service as a dedicated public servant and accomplished jurist; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we hereby recognize the Honorable Samuel Lewis for his meritorious service to the people of Tennessee as a Judge on the Court of Appeals, and commend his exemplary career as an attorney and dedicated public servant who has often sacrificed personal concerns to enhance the quality of life for his fellow Tennesseans.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.